

**RESOLUTION 2021- 05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, LIFTING RESTRICTIONS  
AND MITIGATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of the State of Indiana declared a public health emergency as a result of the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) outbreak in Indiana;

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County declared a local disaster emergency as a result of COVID-19 for Warrick County, which declaration has subsequently been renewed and remains in effect to date, with such declaration to expire in conjunction with the public health emergency as declared by the Governor of the State of Indiana;

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Board of Commissioners passed and adopted Restated Resolution 2020-03, which incorporated those provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”) that offered expanded family and medical leave to employees of Warrick County for specific reasons related to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, those provisions of Restated Resolution 2020-03 pertaining to the incorporation of the FFCRA were replaced and superseded by Resolution 2020-04, which was then subsequently replaced and superseded by Resolution 2020-06 on April 27, 2020 insofar as expanded and family medical leave to employees of Warrick County would remain available through December 31, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County desires to rescind Resolution 2020-06 in its entirety, for the purposes of clarifying that the policy established under Resolution 2020-06 is hereby terminated, and the official policy concerning any and all leave benefits available to Warrick County employees is that which is contained in the Warrick County Employee Handbook, as amended.

**WHEREAS**, on June 8, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County passed and adopted Resolution 2020-10, which encouraged all members of the public to wear face coverings or masks, as well observe proper social distancing, at all times while inside County buildings;

**WHEREAS**, on July 24, 2020, the Governor of Indiana issued Executive Order 20-37, which required that every individual within the State of Indiana wear a face covering when: (a) inside a business, public building, or other indoor place open to the public; (b) in an outdoor public space wherever it is not feasible to maintain social distancing; or (c) using public transportation or in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle;

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2021, the Governor of Indiana issued Executive Order 21-09, which, among other things, lifted the requirement that face masks or coverings be worn, except for when an individual is: (a) inside a state government building, offices, or facility; (b) outside on state property where social distancing cannot be achieved and maintained; (c) at a COVID-19 testing or vaccination site; or (d) at a K-12 educational facility.

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County desires to rescind Resolution 2020-10 in its entirety, for purposes of clarifying that the only places in which a face mask or covering is required to be worn in Warrick County are those locations which are specified in Executive Order 21-09, as amended;

**WHEREAS**, on November 13, 2020, the Governor of Indiana issued Executive Order 20-48, which set forth a color-coded system to represent COVID-19 levels in each county on a weekly basis, and which further required organizers of a social gathering or event to submit a COVID-19 mitigation plan to the local health department if the anticipated number of attendees at such event exceeded the capacity limit assigned to the color level for the given county at the time of such submission;

**WHEREAS**, on November 23, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County passed and adopted Resolution 2020-18, which adopted and incorporated those provisions of Executive Order 20-48, as subsequently amended, pertaining to restrictions on certain social gatherings and events;

**WHEREAS**, on January 28, 2021, the Governor of Indiana issued Executive Order 21-02, which renewed the color-coded, county-based measures and restrictions based on the impact and spread of COVID-19 in each county, which Executive Order has since been renewed;

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2021, the Governor of Indiana issued Executive Order 21-09, which set forth that, as of April 6, 2021, all decisions regarding the organizing of social gatherings or events, including any limitations on venue capacity, are to be determined in the sole discretion of local health departments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County to rescind Resolution 2020-18 in its entirety with this Resolution, such that there are no restrictions, capacity limitations, or other COVID-19 related conditions on any social gatherings or events in Warrick County that require the submission of a COVID-19 mitigation plan to the Warrick County Health Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County, Indiana, as follows:

1. Resolution 2020-18 is hereby rescinded in its entirety such that there are no restrictions, capacity limitations, or other COVID-19 related conditions on any social gatherings or events in Warrick County that require the submission of a COVID-19 mitigation plan to the Warrick County Health Department.
2. Face coverings or masks are not required to be worn in Warrick County except for those locations specifically provided in Executive Order 21-09, as amended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Resolution does not preclude any business or private establishment in Warrick County from requesting or requiring patrons to wear face coverings or masks while inside said business or establishment.



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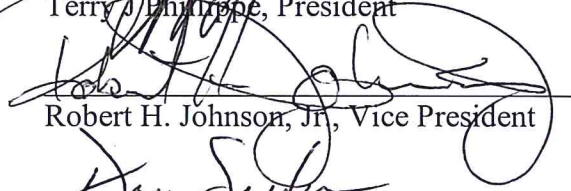
3. Those provisions concerning emergency and expanded family and medical leave to Warrick County employees, as contained in Resolution 2020-06, terminated as of January 1, 2021, and the official policy with respect to any and all leave benefits available to Warrick County employees is that which is contained in the Warrick County Employee Handbook, as amended.

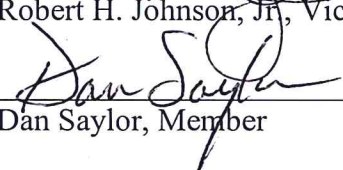
This Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Warrick County this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

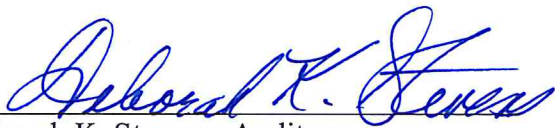
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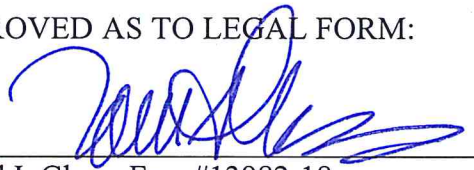
  
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